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Report of: WILLIAM J. DAVIS Office: New York, New York
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Title: KONSTANTIN MIERLAK

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Synopsis:

Subject, who resides at 197 Roebling St., Brooklyn, NY, has been in contact on irregular basis from 1/26/59, to 5/20/ or 21/59, with ALEKSANDR R. SITNIKOV, Second Secretary of the Byelorussian Mission to the UN. Informants advised these contacts devoted mainly to political discussions of the present status of Byelorussia. Background data concerning subject set forth.

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DETAILS

Subject's contacts with ALEXS. NDR. R. SITNIKOV

NY T-1 advised on February 16, 1959, that KONSTANTIN MI. RLAK, 197 Roebling Street, Brooklyn, New York, who is active in Byelorussian affairs in the United States, had met on January 26, 1959, with ALEXS. NDR. R. SITNIKOV, Second Secretary of the Byelorussian Mission to the United Nations (UN), New York City.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, reflect that ALEXS. NDR. R. SITNIKOV entered the United States on October 3, 1958.

The booklet entitled "Members of Permanent Missions to the United Nations entitled to Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities," published by the United States Mission to the UN, and dated July, 1959, reflects that ALEXS. NDR. R. SITNIKOV is Second Secretary of the Byelorussian Mission to the UN.

According to the informant, subject's attendance at this meeting, which took place in the Walter Aschuk Book Store, 249 East 10th Street, New York City, was at the behest of ANTON SHUKINOVYTS, 70 East Third Street, New York City, who was also present at the time of the meeting. The informant advised that SHUKINOVYTS, who is also active in Byelorussian affairs in the United States, had met previously with SITNIKOV on two occasions, and had invited the subject to this third meeting. NY T-1 stated that SITNIKOV, SHUKINOVYTS, and the subject met on January 26, 1959, at the Walter Aschuk Book Store. The informant continued that at this particular meeting SITNIKOV had indicated that he did not have too much time to spend and, as a result, they met for a brief period of time in a bar located in the vicinity of the book store. NY T-1 advised that during the course of the meeting, SITNIKOV became very talkative, and went on at some length about his life in

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the Soviet Union. The informant continued that throughout this encounter with SITNIKOV, the subject was aggressive in some of his anti-Soviet remarks, and SITNIKOV did not appear warm towards MIERLAK as a result. The informant stated that when they parted, SITNIKOV indicated he might contact either of the two individuals in the future, but no definite arrangements were made.

On May 1, 1959, NY T-1 advised that he had received information to the effect that the subject had met again with SITNIKOV, at which time he had furnished the latter a copy of the book, "Opposition to Sovietization in Byelorussian Literature," by ANTON ADAMOVICH. The source advised that this was one of the books which, during a previous meeting, SITNIKOV had said that he needed for the preparation of a book he himself was writing.

NY T-1 stated that concerning MIERLAK, he knows him to be a sincere anti-Soviet Byelorussian emigre who has been in the United States for three or four years. The source continued that MIERLAK advocates a free and independent Byelorussia and is at the present time an officer in the Byelorussian-American Association (BAA).

Insofar as the BAA is concerned, it is noted that on October 26, 1955, Dr. VITAUT TUMASH, 376 East 138th Street, New York City, was interviewed by SA PAUL F. GARRITY. Dr. TUMASH advised that he was an admitting doctor at Fordham Hospital, New York City, and was, at that time, a member of the BAA. He stated that the BAA maintained headquarters at 33 Norfolk Street, Manhattan, New York City. He continued that as of 1955, the BAA consisted of approximately 1,000 members and that the subject was, as of that date, Officer in Charge of Records for the BAA. He stated that the BAA had twelve branches throughout the United States, and that 90% of the membership was composed of new emigres. Dr. TUMASH stated that the aims and purposes of the BAA were to render mutual material aid to its members; advise the United States Congress of conditions in Byelorussia; to advocate a free and independent Byelorussia, and to be a social and cultural center for persons of Byelorussian origin. He stated that he knew of

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no Soviet or Communist infiltration" into the BAA.

On July 31, 1959, NY T-2, another government agency, furnished information from one of its sources to the effect that KONSTANTIN MIKHLAK had met with SITNIKOV for dinner on March 17, 1959. This source indicated that the meeting was devoted mainly to a general discussion of politics, with MIKHLAK attacking, while SITNIKOV defended, the Soviet system. The source advised that during this meeting, MIKHLAK offered SITNIKOV eleven books published in the free world dealing with Byelorussia. The source continued that of these books, SITNIKOV chose only two:

"Opposition to Sovietization in Byelorussian Literature", by ANTON ADAMOVICH, and
"Byelorussia's Independence Day", published by the BAA.

SITNIKOV indicated, according to the source, that he did not want any of the other books offered by MIKHLAK, inasmuch as they would be of no assistance to him in preparation for the book he is writing, which is to be entitled, "Byelorussia in the International Arena, Past and Present". The source advised that SITNIKOV explained to MIKHLAK that although he was born in Byelorussia, he was reared and educated in Russia, itself, resulting in his having a strong feeling of gratitude toward Russia and only a slight knowledge of Byelorussian culture.

The source continued that on April 21, 1959, SITNIKOV again met for dinner with MIKHLAK. According to the source, this meeting, like each of its predecessors, dealt with a political discussion of the status of Byelorussia.

On August 26, 1959, NY T-3 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-2 as set forth above, and indicated that the subject had last met with SITNIKOV on May 20, 1959. The informant continued that once again, as on all previous occasions, each individual resolutely defended his own political position. NY T-3 stated that at the conclusion

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of this meeting no plans were made for any future contact between the two.

T-3 advised that SITNIKOV has never requested anything of MIKULAK. He stated that there can be no question in SITNIKOV's mind as to exactly where MIKULAK stands insofar as his antipathy toward the Soviet system is concerned. The informant noted in conclusion, that he doubts there would be any further meeting between MIKULAK and SITNIKOV.

Background

On June 9, 1959, Mr. SIDNEY A. DAVIS, Assistant Chief, Records Administration and Information Section, INS, New York City, made available to SA MICHAEL D. MURPHY the file maintained by that agency for the subject. This file reflects that KONSTANTIN MIKULAK, who was born December 25, 1919, at Novogrodek, Poland, entered the United States at New York City, on July 20, 1954, as a quota immigrant for permanent residence. This file reflects that MIKULAK had resided, prior to his entry into the United States, as follows:

1919-1942	Poland
1942-1945	Germany
1945-1947	Italy
1947-1954	Argentina

The subject indicated in this file that he was married to ANNA MIKULAK, nee Hubert, and had one son, JULIO ANTONIO MIKULAK.

On January 27, 1954, the United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., furnished the following information concerning the subject:

MIKULAK registered as an intending immigrant in the Non-preference category under the quota for Poland on November 25, 1956. He stated that he had not received news from his father since 1945, and did not know whether or not he was still alive. He indicated he had a brother and sister.

in White Russian society, but did not had any news from them. MIKULAK indicated he had studied commerce before the war, and not a member of the Polish army. He stated that he had been sent to Breslau as a forced farm laborer.

On 47 17, 1959, the records of the Bureau of Special Services and the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, were caused to be checked by SA R. F. J. Clark. No record could be located with either of these Bureaus under the subject's name.

Several confidential informants, familiar with some Communist Party (CP) activities in the New York City area, were contacted during May, 1959, at which time they could furnish no information regarding the subject.

The following description of the subject was obtained from the records of INS, New York City, and from information furnished by NY T-2 and NY T-3:

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Name	KONSTANTIN MIERLAK
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth	December 25, 1919 at Pozogrodek, Poland
Height	5' 9"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Light brown, receding, combed straight back
Marital status	Married; wife, ANNA MIERLAK, nee Hubert, born, August 15, 1932, at Dzerza, Poland
Children	SON, JULIO ANTONIO MIERLAK
Employment	Accountant, Holland-America Line, 29 Broadway, New York City
Remarks	Entered United States on July 29, 1954, as a quota immigrant for permanent residence. Speaks fairly good English with noticeable Slavic accent.